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DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION

Docket No. 4004-356

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention in an ANTERIOR IMPLANT FOR THE SPINE the specification of which

(check one) [] is attached hereto.

[X] was filed on October 20, 2000 as Application No. 09/692,894, and by a Preliminary Amendment attached hereto.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information material to patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s)			Priority Claimed	
<u>98 05558</u> (Number)	France (Country)	30 April 1998 (Day/Month/Year Filed)	X Yes	No
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